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SETAR NV awards soccer champs 2010



Tournament winners, champion players with officials and SETAR N.V. management



Richard Dijkhoff accepts the award on behalf of Champions, Britannia from the hands of Roland Croes.



At left; Rookie of the year Miguel Gutierrez of Estrella; at right, Most valuable player Ulises Nunez Garcia of Britannia



Rufo Kelly, President of the Voetball Bond accepts a donation from Roland Croes



The island soccer season sponsored by Aruba's national telecommunications company, SETAR NV, came

to an end in June after 10 months of competition, and island champions were recognized by SETAR executives Shahaira Labad, Director of Marketing and Managing Director Roland Croes on Thursday, July 29.

Dozens of teams competed for the top four spots and donations from SETAR NV to assist their ball clubs. Top winners, in ascending order, were La Fama, Bubali, Estrella and 1st place Britannia ball clubs.

Richard Dijkhoff accepted the award on behalf of the Britannia ball club, which

also received a donation for taking top spot in their division. Richard accepted a number of awards for players from his club being recognized for superlative performance, including top scorer Gregory Lake, best defense Raymond Tromp, and best coach, Willy Croes.

Other players earning rewards for excellent quality of play were Jeandre Boekhouwer of Riverplate for most disciplined, Kendrick Dania from Bubali- best goalkeeper, Maurice Escalona of Bubali- best middle fielder and Annuar Kock of Estrella- best forward. Miguel Gutierrez of

Estrella was named Rookie of the Year and Ulises Nunez Garcia of Britannia is Most Valuable Player.

During the presentations, SETAR NV also took the opportunity to present a donation to the Aruba Voetball Bond, which regulates official matches; Rufo Kelly, president of the AVB, accepted the contribution from Roland Croes.

The new season for soccer competition will begin again in September. The staff of THE MORNING NEWS offers congratulation to this year's champions!

by Rosalie Klein

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Colombian guerrillas propose talks on conflict



TV grab showing FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) commander Alfonso Cano giving a message to Colombian President elect Juan Manuel Santos

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) - Colombia's largest leftist guerrilla group released a videotaped message yesterday, proposing talks with president-elect Juan Manuel Santos to find a political settlement to their armed conflict.

"What we are proposing today, once again, is that we talk," said Alfonso Cano, the head of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in the videotape. "We continue to be determined to find political solutions."

The videotape, which was divided into three parts and is more than 30 minutes long,

was released on the website of the magazine Resistencia, which the Colombian defense ministry says is a FARC propaganda organ.

The proposal comes amid a diplomatic crisis between Colombia and Venezuela over Bogota's charges that some 1,500 FARC guerrillas are using Venezuelan territory as a haven.

Santos assumes office August 7, replacing President Alvaro Uribe, a US ally who dealt major blows to the guerrilla group during his eight years in office.

Cano suggested that the two sides discuss a controversial US-Colombian agree-

ment giving the United States access to Colombian bases, as well as human rights, prisoners of war, land ownership and broad political and economic models.

"We must speak. Let us speak of the indignity that having in Colombia seven bases with US troops represents," he said.

Founded in 1964, the FARC is Colombia's largest guerrilla group, active in nearly half the country with between 7,500 and 10,000 fighters.

It is responsible for bombings, murder, kidnapping, extortion, hijacking, as well as guerrilla and conventional military action against Colombian political, military, and economic targets.

Cano said previous peace talks have failed because of the lack of will of the government to reach an agreement. But he also said that a series of governments "have failed to end the armed conflict by military means."

"The war does not make us happy," said Cano, who has been the top military FARC leader since 2008.

"We are not happy to learn of the battlefield deaths of our opponents, who are children of poor families in Colombia."

Dutch anti-Islam party to have strong voice in next govt

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch anti-Islam MP Geert Wilders will have to be consulted on every decision the next government makes if a provisional agreement on forming a new cabinet reached Friday is finalised, an expert said.

Under the provisional agreement, Wilders' Party for Freedom (PVV) will have no cabinet members but would have a crucial "support" role, the centre-right VVD, the Christian Democratic Action (CDA) and the free-market PVV said in a joint statement.

A political analyst told AFP that the agreement would in fact meant Wilders having a strong voice in government de-

cisions as he would have to be consulted on each issue.

Talks on forming a new cabinet ended late Friday with further discussions scheduled to firm up the accord from next week.

Although he will not be in the cabinet, Wilders is in a strong bargaining position after the PVV made the biggest gains in June 9 elections -- coming third by raising its number of seats from nine to 24 out of 150 in the Dutch parliament.

The VVD won with 31 seats, while fellow rightists CDA came in fourth with 21 seats -- half its previous total.

Negotiations to form a coalition involving the VVD and the second biggest party, the labour PvdA with 30 seats, failed over disagreements on economic policy.

Wilders calls Islam fascist and campaigns for the banning of the Koran and the burqa.

Two die in Florida from mosquito-borne disease

TAMPA, Florida - Two Florida residents have died from Eastern equine encephalitis, a mosquito-borne disease that is rare among humans but has infected a rising number of horses in the state, health officials said on Friday.

Both deaths were in the Tampa area, where a woman died on July 1 and an infant died on Wednesday, the Hillsborough County Health Department said. The disease known as EEE causes brain inflammation. There is no vaccine for humans.

"It's a fairly rare disease," said Steve Huard, spokesman for the Hillsborough health department.

Only a few human cases a year are reported in the United States, mostly in Atlantic and Gulf coast areas, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the disease kills 33 percent of its victims and survivors often have significant brain damage, the CDC said.

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Special tips on fertilizers



ORANJESTAD – Flora Market, once again, is organizing its tremendous coffee morning. This will be today, July 31 and tomorrow, August 1, with live trumpet and saxophone music, while the friendly people will take care for a nice ambiance.

Flora reminds everyone that the rain season is here so it is time to buy fertilizers for your plants.

Plants need fertilizer to grow strong and beautiful. Fertilizers also helps plants produce greener and more colourful leaves, and blooms more and for a longer period.

The main ingredients of fertilizers are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium - macro-nutrients that are important for a healthy plant

growth.

Fertilizers are made in different ways; there are the grain type, powder type, liquid type and also the tablet and bar type. The powder type must be put at the root of the plant; it dissolves quicker and the plant absorbs it faster than other

types of fertilizers.

The other types must be scattered on the soil around the trunk so every time the plant is watered the fertilizers dissolves a little, providing the plant constantly with necessary nutrients to grow healthy and beautiful.

There are different kinds of fertilizers and every kind has it season printed on the package. Always check what kind you need when buying. If needed, ask an expert if the fertilizer you buy is the one you need for your plants; Flora will have experts on hand to advice clients.

So, everyone is cordially invited to come and have a nice time this weekend at Flora Market's coffee morning

Avatar now available at Pay-Per-View channel of SETAR Cable Services

Avatar, the popular film that won several film awards, is now on the pay-per-view channel of SETAR Cable Services until October 19, 2010. There will also be a few other movies on the Pay-Per-View channels, especially for vacation season.

SETAR N.V. has a special Avatar campaign. Everyone who views this film on the Pay-Per-View channel will receive two tickets for The Cinemas. Every week SETAR will select a winner.

How to win? Easy, just order the Avatar film on the PPV.

Avatar is a 2009 American epic science fiction film written and directed by James Cameron. The film is set in 2154, when humans are mining a precious mineral called unobtainium on Pandora, a lush moon of a gas giant in the Alpha Centauri star system. The expansion of the mining colony threatens the continued existence of a local tribe of Na'vi—a humanoid species indigenous to Pandora. The film's title refers to the genetically engineered Na'vi-human hybrid bodies used by a team



of researchers to interact with the natives of Pandora.

Avatar was officially budgeted at \$237 million. Other estimates put the cost between \$280 million and \$310 million for production and at \$150 million for promotion. The film was released for traditional 2-D viewing, 3-D viewing (using the RealD 3D, Dolby 3D, XpanD 3D, and IMAX 3D formats), and "4-D" viewing. The stereoscopic filmmaking was touted as a breakthrough in cinematic technology.

How to order a film on the Pay-Per-View

1. Press the 'Guide' button on the remote control

2. Search in the list of channels from 101 to 114 which movie you want to see, select the hour you want to see it.

3. Use the "cursor" button to scroll the list, this will highlight when scrolling on the PPV title

4. Press Ok to select the movie of your choice

5. A window will open with the note asking if this is the film of your choice

6. Press "order" and enjoy your film.

Satellite Galaxy 15 still out of control, interrupting cable programming

ORANJESTAD -- Galaxy 15 is still out of control, causing interferences in the cable transmissions. At present it is moving pass by the Intelsat Galaxy 14 and the interruption it is causing will continue until early August. The channels experiencing interference are Lifetime East SD, A&E HD, History HD, Lifetime East HD, and Lifetime West HD

Galaxy 15 is an American geostationary satellite which was operated by Intelsat as a communications satellite. It was launched for and originally operated by PanAmSat, and was subsequently transferred to Intelsat when the two companies merged in 2006. It was positioned in geostationary orbit at a longitude of 133 degrees West, from where it was used to provide communication services to North America. In April 2010, Intelsat lost control of the satellite, and it began to drift away from its orbital slot, potentially causing disruption to other satellites. It started to affect the cable network system of Aruba in April and May 2010. Galaxy 15 is not in contact with Intelsat (owner of the satellite) since April 5.



Although the exact reason for the disconnection is not known, the owner think they lost control of the satellite because of solar storm. A solar storm is an event in which activity on the Sun interferes with the Earth's magnetic field. Because the Sun is so far away, many people believe that solar storms are not capable of causing very much damage, but they can in fact be quite devastating. Normally, when a satellite goes astray, there no reason to worry about because in most cases the satellite will stop transmitting. But Intelsat confirmed that Galaxy 15 is transmitting to Earth while drifted,

first alongside the AMC 11 orbit, then next to Galaxy 13 and now it is drifting close to Intelsat Galaxy 14, and the interruption will continue until early August.

Intelsat is still trying to regain control of Galaxy 15 but with no success. They are trying to minimize the interference as much as possible but Galaxy 14 receives digital cable programming and transmits it to all cable television system worldwide, including Aruba. Intelsat also said that Galaxy 15 can cause interference in other channels as well, which can continue until September



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First fantastic effort for Cas di Glas comes from CILO's super staffers



The entire crew of CILO City Lounge at the Renaissance Marketplace is standing right behind the Cas di Glas (House of Glass) happening and they have decided to make a wonderful gesture towards reaching the event's goal. From August 1st on, the staffers will put aside AWG. 50 of their joint tip money per day. On October 3rd, the final day of the Cas di Glas, the total sum of all these AWG.

50's will be donated. This is the first of hopefully a long list of restaurants, companies and private persons joining in the realizing of the Cas di Glas' goal: getting a mobile breast screening unit for the island.

CILO manager Kim D'hondt is super enthusiastic about her team jumping in. "I am bowled over," she said. The AWG. 50,-- per day donation will be a substantial

amount by the time the Cas di Glas event is finished. "I am very proud of my team."

But not only the people on Aruba are getting involved: several well-known international artists have already put out feelers to come and play live on stage at Cas di Glas, and a number of popular deejays from the US are looking forward to come and play here as well. Arubans living in Holland are getting the information about Cas di Glas as we speak, and a special bank account number will be available for donations from these 'yiu di tera.'

The Cas di Glas organizing team is really glad with CILO's first fantastic effort for the Cas di Glas goal. Any firms, restaurants or sports clubs who need assistance in any way to kick-start a fundraising effort, please call Esmeralda Schotman, coordinator of Cas di Glas at 732-0836.

Live music at Twenty One on Friday and Sunday, on Saturday: "Saturday Night Fever" - back to the 70's

NOORD-- Every Friday night, Twenty One grand cafe and restaurant has live music with The Untouchables "Los Intokables," featuring Czar Olarte and Angelo Figaroa.

Happy hour starts at 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. with all drinks at 25% discount. The dining room with French Caribbean food will be open from 4 p.m. From 9.30 pm on patrons can dance till the wee hours with Czar, Angelo and Hubert.

And now, new in Twenty One, every Saturday night, a house DJ takes you back to the 70's and 80's with disco and soul music.

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		matinee: 12:30	3:00
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PG	THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE	daily: 3:45	6:15	8:45
		matinee: 1:00	late show: 11:15	
PG	THE LAST AIRBENDER	daily: 7:00	9:15	11:30
		matinee:	late show:	
PG-13	GROWN UPS	daily: 4:45	7:15	9:30
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Science/Tech

Japanese rescue-bot can sniff out disaster survivors

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) - Japanese emergency services are to trial a small tank-like rescue robot that can search rubble for survivors and deliver water, food or cell-phones in disaster zones.

The fire department of Chiba City, east of Tokyo, will test the QUINCE prototype from next month, said Eiji Koyanagi, robotic engineering expert at Chiba Institute of Technology.

"People die because they despair. If the robot delivers a cellphone, they won't feel alone. If the robot delivers water and food, they can hold out," said Koyanagi. "We want to make this the world standard."

The QUINCE, the size of a toddler's play car, has a robotic arm that can be remote-controlled to turn doorknobs, manoeuvre through rubble and carry crucial survival items after an earthquake or other disaster.

Human rescuers manipulate the arm from afar using a computer link that shows them robo-view camera images.

The machine also features infrared and carbon-dioxide sensors to find survivors by detecting their body heat and their exhaled breath, and cre-



This handout picture, released by Japanese college Chiba Institute of Technology shows the crawler rescue robot "QUINCE" during a demonstration at the college campus of Narashino city in Chiba prefecture, suburban Tokyo.

ates three-dimensional maps of the site as it crawls.

Four sets of wheels, each driving a tank-like rubber track and powered by a total of six electric motors, enable the machine to push ahead over bumps and up and down slopes as steep as 82 degrees.

People trapped under rubble can also hear the voices of rescuers through a speaker fitted to the robot.

Koyanagi, speaking at

Tokyo's Robotech fair, said it is essential for the robot to be tested by real rescuers to improve and "fine-tune" its design.

Engineers may develop the wrong ideas, he said: in the past, "we made touch panels... only to find rescuers wear gloves and can't use them."

Japan is prone to earthquakes, with about 20 percent of the world's most powerful tremors striking the island nation.

Ballmer wants to 'make things happen' on Tablets

The development of a Windows 7 slate or tablet is job number one at Microsoft, chief executive Steve Ballmer said Thursday.

"We have got to make things happen" on slates, Ballmer said at the company's annual financial analysts meeting.

The successful launch of a Windows 7-branded slate is "job one urgency around here; nobody's sleeping at the

switch," he said.

Ballmer showed off an HP slate running Windows 7 during his Consumer Electronic Show keynote this year. After rumors that that too had been shelved, the HP Slate showed up on HP's Web site, but HP has not released details about when it will be available for purchase.

Most tablet news has been overshadowed by Apple's popular iPad.

Microsoft has done a lot of work on touch and ink recently, and now it's a matter of working with hardware partners to fine tune Windows 7 for their particular devices, he said. "You'll see us try to bring those things together over the course of the next months and beyond to really deliver the slates and convertibles that I think people will be excited about," he said.

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HEALTH

Calcium supplements linked to heart attacks: study

PARIS (AFP) - Ordinary calcium supplements taken by the elderly to strengthen bones may boost the risk of heart attacks, according to a study released Friday.

The findings, published in the British Medical Journal, suggest that the role of calcium in the treatment of osteoporosis should be reconsidered, the researchers said.

Calcium tablets are commonly prescribed to boost skeletal health, but a recent clinical trial suggested they might increase the number of

heart attacks and other cardiovascular problems in healthy older women.

To investigate further, an international team of researchers led by Ian Reid of the University of Auckland in New Zealand reviewed 11 separate clinical trials involving 12,000 patients.

They found that calcium supplements were associated with about a 30 percent jump in heart attack risk.

The chances of stroke and mortality also increased to a lesser extent.

The link was consistent across trials and was independent of age, sex, and type of supplement.

While the added risk is modest for any individual, the widespread use of calcium supplements could translate into a significantly larger disease burden across an entire population, the authors warn.

Previous studies have found that upping calcium intake through changes in diet does not increase cardiovascular problems, suggesting

that the risks are restricted to supplements.

In a commentary, John Cleland of the University of Hull in Britain and colleagues point out that -- re-

gardless of possible impacts on heart attack rates -- calcium supplements are probably not very efficient in reducing fractures in any case.

Knee, hip replacements may aid weight loss

Weight loss has been noted among patients who've had a knee or hip replacement, a new study says.

The research focused on 196 patients, mean age 67 years, who had knee or hip replacement surgery (arthroplasty) at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City between 2005 and 2007.

The researchers found that, after their surgery, nearly 20 percent of the patients had significant weight loss (5 percent or more of body weight) and decreased

body mass index (BMI), which is a measurement that takes into account a person's height and weight. The mean weight of the patients decreased from 175.5 pounds to 172.2 pounds, they noted.

Knee replacement patients were more likely than hip replacement patients to experience a significant decrease in BMI (21.5 percent and 16.9 percent, respectively). Patients with a BMI score greater than 30 before their surgery, and therefore considered obese, were most likely

to have significant post-surgery weight loss.

"Total joint arthroplasties are performed with the intent of relieving a patient's pain and disability. Both total knee patients and total hip patients experienced a statistically significant and clinically significant corrected weight loss following surgery, which indicates a healthier overall lifestyle," lead author Dr. Michael Bronson, chief of joint replacement surgery at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Tip: Dealing With Separation Anxiety



It's common for young children to have a tough time when mom or dad leaves them with someone else.

The Nemours Foundation offers these suggestions to help ease separation anxiety:

* Try not to leave the youngster with an unfamiliar caregiver while the youngster is aged 8 months to 1 year. This is when separation anxiety most commonly be-

gins.

* Try not to leave your child when the youngster is very tired or hungry.

* Practice leaving the youngster with someone new for short stints, then extend those periods.

* Stay relaxed and calm, and be consistent in your drop-off routine. This will help your child understand that although are leaving, you will be back.

* Always come back to get your child at the promised time.

* Don't allow crying or tantrums to deter you from leaving.

Discover the Treasures Across the Bridge

Balashi
Pos Chiquito
Savaneta
Cura Cabai
San Nicolas



Entrance to the inner Bay of Spaan Lagoon



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



One of San Nicolas' main attractions, Charlie's Bar in the mainstreet



Mangel Halto in Savaneta



House on the reef (Savaneta)

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is the only inner bay in Aruba, resulting from rising sea levels after the last ice age. Spaans Lagoen is connected with the sea, but it is partially separated by a low-lying bridge. Located off the mouth of the lagoon there are several island keys, which together with the Spaans Lagoen area form a large natural ecological system.

Spaans Lagoen is a reef-protected area. The beach is accessed through the mangrove trees in Mangel Halto, on the east side of the island. It boasts

shallow waters and fine white sand. It's also an excellent spot to have a picnic lunch.

It is one of three Blue Flag beaches developing on the island. There is a gentle sandy entry to the water that is great for children and adults. Beginning scuba divers will love it and the snorkeling is excellent. It is also a wonderful area for kayaking. The Spaans Lagoen area flows into the village of **Pos Chiquito**.

Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recap-

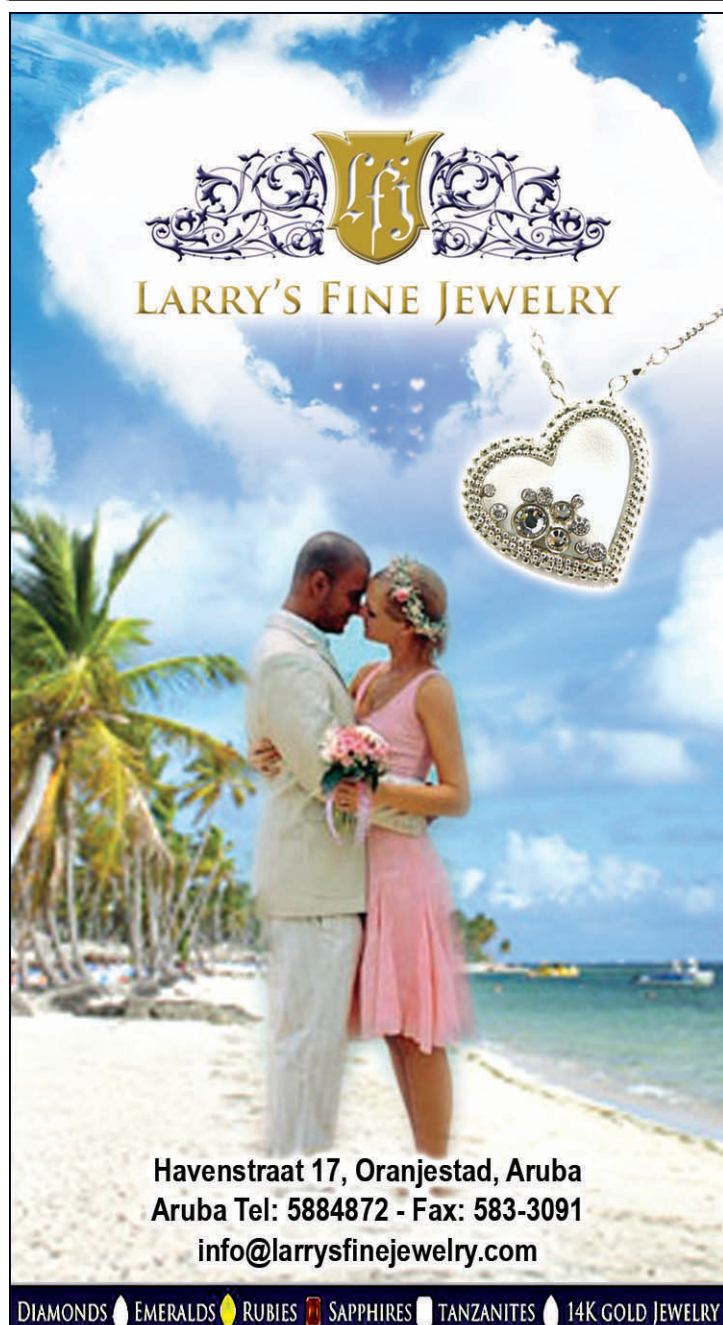
tured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean. The development of the city is undeniably linked to the oil refinery, the presence of which often stands in sharp contrast to the modest houses of the area and the picturesque beach spots

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Spanish bullfighting sector vows to fight Catalan ban



MADRID, Spain (AFP) — Top Spanish bullfighting entrepreneurs vowed to take Catalonia's parliament to court to try to reverse its decision to ban the bloodsport and stop other regions from following their lead.

"We are going to launch a huge battle" against this "outrageous" measure, promoter Luiz Alvarez, a founder of the bullfighting lobby group Mesa del Toro, told AFP.

Catalonia's regional parliament on Wednesday voted to ban bullfighting from January

1, 2012.

It would thus become the first region in mainland Spain to outlaw the centuries-old tradition, which has inspired artists from Goya to Picasso.

But Alvarez said the ban was unconstitutional: he insisted that the wealthy northeastern region did not have the right to abolish bullfights, but only to regulate them.

The lobby group would go to court in a bid to reverse the Catalan parliament's decision in court, he added.

Simply Sumptuous Zissles opens this weekend



An utterly unique concept in dining and entertainment opened its doors last night on the second level of the Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach; Zissles is ready to rock your world! Sunday through Friday, Zissles offers the simply spectacular D'Licious dinner show until mid-January; tonight will be a grand opening special featuring The Phantom of the Opera, a multi-platform entertainment featuring DJ's, a live band and exciting performances by the Zissles troupe of entertainers for only \$20.

If you are nostalgic for those great days of dinner theater, when one could enjoy a top notch meal along with wonderful entertainment, than Zissles is your ticket for a memorable evening out. Ingrid Riko, the mastermind behind the immensely popular Bugaloe Bar & Grill has realized a long time dream with the opening of Zissles, offering that special night everyone wants; perfect for celebrating an important occasion or providing treasured memories while on vacation.

The club has recruited an impressive creative crew: Toine van de Donk, creative director, teamed with Astrid Rose, producer, Vincent Vianen, choreographer and Sjors van den Eerenbeemt, musical director. They have gathered a troupe of talented vocalists and dancers for a rousing musical journey; a special opening night for local media showcased the diversity of these talented professionals.

While enjoying a perfectly prepared filet mignon dinner the audience traveled through time beginning with a tribute to Motown, on to the great movie musical numbers of the '80's, a Michael Jackson medley and even Lady Gaga and the best of today's chart toppers. All accompanied by inspired choreography that completed the elegant production.

Zissles dinner menu offers patrons three choices of appe-



tizer, entrée and dessert; the present menu includes main courses of prime filet mignon, duck breast or Chilean sea bass, appetizers offer a selection of crab cakes, an excellent potato-leek soup or goat cheese salad. The club also will accommodate special requests when they can and sports a fine selection of vegetarian dishes.

Dinner seating is at 7:00 p.m.; the show starts an hour later and afterwards Zissles is transformed into a chic club where you can while away the night with dance, exotic drinks and a sumptuous menu of gourmet late night nibbles.

Saturday nights will offer exciting club activities and in-



ternational performers beginning with Saturday Night Fever on August 7, doors open at 10:30 p.m. You can get a glimpse of all their upcoming events and menu at www.zissles.com.

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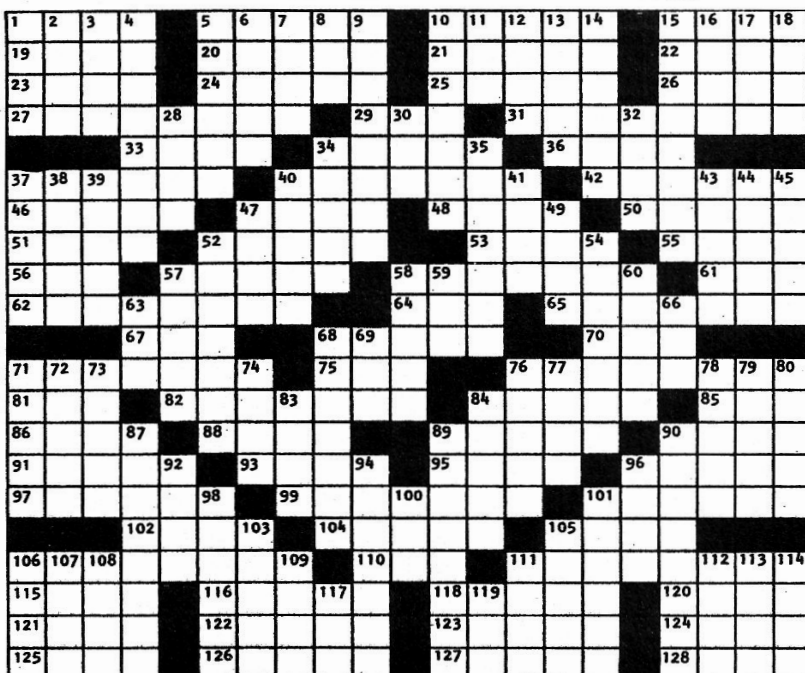
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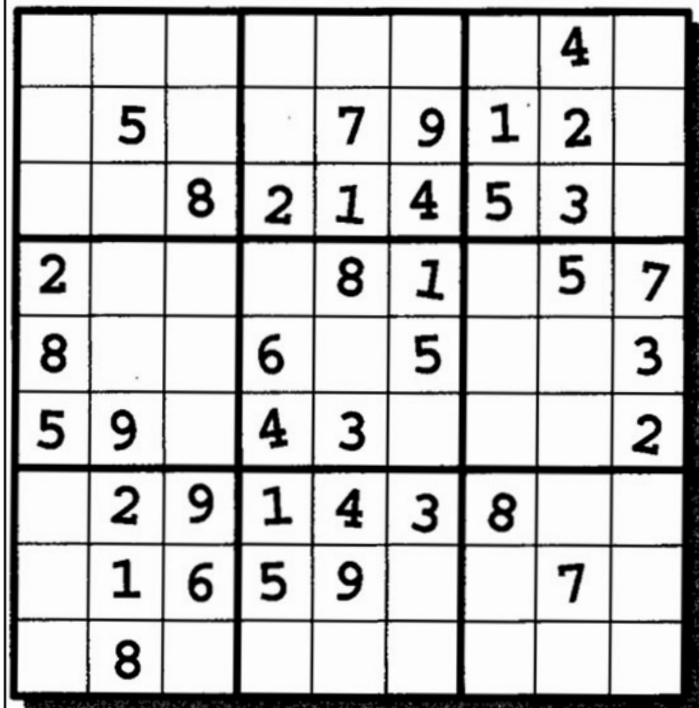
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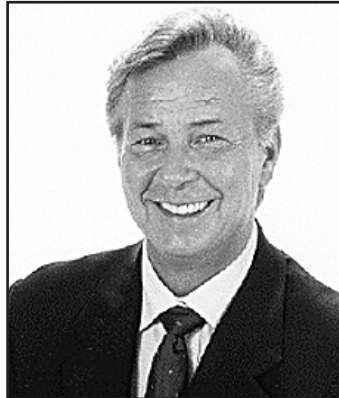
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How placing your customers first creates a firestorm of BIG profits and new business!

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

Hi, and welcome back to another exciting Tip. In our last issue, I started with a method to increase the number of customers you can create with a referral system. I ended the tip with the following statement.

It's all about them, not about you.

I say that because I want to introduce you to the enormous force and power you will harness with that rule. You will realize how much more effective everything you do in your business will be when you start focusing all your thoughts and actions on what's going to be in the best interest of your customer; not yourself or your company.

You might already be doing that to some extent, and if you are, I commend you.

These marketing tips are designed to get you to a higher

level, multiplying many times over the effectiveness, the profitability, and the impact of everything you do, the moment you shift your focus and attention from yourself and your business to the needs and desires of your customers.

The referral system I used in my Nurses business, created, on average, 10 new customers per week.

Referral systems are surprisingly easy to set up and require very little effort or time.

They represent the most immediate source of increased customers you have available in your business.

I want you to think of three things over this next week.

1. Think of your customers as dear and valued friends. Treat them with the respect and importance that you would have for any other friend.

2. Revere the value, benefit, and impact of what you do or what you sell, and how it has an affect on their lives.

3. Always hold yourself, your employees, and your business to the highest level of performance in behalf of your customers' best interest.

You must understand that if you think about the interest, needs, and well being of your customers on a higher and more continuous level than any other business in their lives, you are going to be at the top of their awareness.

So when they are with other people, when they are socializing, playing golf, or having dinner with friends, that if the opportunity presents itself, if someone ever mentions or discusses any area where you can help them, your customers are

automatically going to introduce your business to them.

And your customer can't help it. Your business is constantly in their mind.

How can you accomplish this?

If your customer is into exercise, send them articles, books, or videos on exercise.

If they're interested in sports, send them anything you can find that is useful and valuable related to sports.

Think of other items that your customers are interested in and provide them with information that can help them.

The key to this whole process is not just going through the motions.

It's about being connected to your customer and sending them information that has genuine value constantly.

Most business owners don't realize that at the point of purchase, most customers are really excited and motivated.

At this point they really want to share this wonderful experience with friends and relatives.

I know a photographer who after the photo session is completed, he asks the customers for referrals of other people they know who might also be interested and benefit by having a photo session for family pictures.

The incentives could be a lot of things, but one thing he gives them is additional prints.

He also will give the people they refer a substantial price advantage he does not offer to outside customers.

In this example, a great value is given to the referred customer by the referring customer and, trust me, it is genuinely appreciated by all the parties concerned.

It's a win-win situation for all.

Simple process. All it takes is just a few words that you say at the point of purchase.

What could it be for your business?

The important point is that your business can utilize referral systems to immediately increase the number of customers and profit you make every day for the rest of your business life. It's so simple and easy and it costs you nothing more than a shift in your thinking and the words you say.

Well, that's it for this Tip. In the next Tip I'm going to cover back ends. No. Not that back end... sales back ends, and how to get more of them.

US Fed official warns of 'Japanese-style' stagnation

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The US economy risks "Japanese-style" stagnation, a top Federal Reserve official warned Thursday, as a key economic report was expected to show the recovery is losing pace.

Bluntly cautioning about "the peril" of deflation, James Bullard -- a member of the Fed's interest rate-setting panel -- said the United States was closer to a Japanese-style lost decade "than at any time in recent history."

"Escape from such an outcome is problematic," he wrote in a Fed journal. "Hope is not a strategy."

Given any risk of an external shock that would spark

falling prices -- squeezing firms and forcing ever-slower growth -- Bullard said the central bank should consider restarting crisis measures.

Since the beginning of the financial crisis in late 2007, the Fed and Treasury Department have purchased hundreds of billions of dollars of US debt in the hope of boosting economic activity, part of a process known in economic jargon as "quantitative easing."

But with interest rates at historic lows, the Fed has few levers left to prime the economy. Bullard warned that the bank would find it difficult to bring interest rates back to normal levels to help exit the spi-

ral.

Promising low interest rates "at zero for a long time is a double-edged sword," he said. "A better policy response to a negative shock is to expand the quantitative easing program through the purchase of Treasury securities."

Until recently, the central bank had been looking forward to unloading such investments and putting its balance sheet back in order. But with the recovery teetering on the brink, it is being forced to consider stepping back into the breach.

Bullard's comments appeared to paint a darker picture of the economy than that presented by Federal Reserve

chairman Ben Bernanke, who recently told lawmakers he was "prepared" to take further action but only if the recovery "seems to be faltering."

We are going to continue to monitor the economy closely and continue to evaluate the alternatives that we have," Bernanke said. If the recovery is continuing at a moderate pace, the incentive would be less.

Bullard is widely considered an inflation hawk, so his comments were seen by many as a sign of a tectonic shift within the central bank.

But a Fed official denied any policy shift, telling AFP that Bullard had only sought to spark debate.

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center for snacking, sports events and fun!



Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and

found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to

the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during play-offs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

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"Blue diamonds are all the rage now," we were informed by sales representative Stephanie, who showed us a large selection of attractive pieces where this stunning azure stone is cleverly deployed. The shop carries a vast inventory of precious and semi-precious jewelry, along with Nobel Watches, one of which was awarded to President Barack Obama when he received their namesake prize.

"Having a resident artisan on staff gives us great flexibility in pleasing our clients," explained owner K.P., who will usually be found on duty in town or their La Hacienda branch in Palm Beach, with his wife Neelam. "We opened our first shop on Aruba 22 years ago, and are proud to say we have a substantial regular clientele who have also recommended us and made our shop a success."

Aside from carrying all the fashionable trends in jewelry



from Italy and Israel, Gold Palace is also stocked with unique, one-of-a-kind pieces of their own design, and can create for their customers a particular work of art to meet a special need, or replace something lost that has significance. "If they bring in a picture or drawing explaining what they are looking for, we can make it to order," K.P. pointed out. This also means they carry a large inventory of precious and semi-precious stones to replace what may have been lost from a beloved necklace or ring, as was our case.

"We guarantee our jewelry, and maintain a working relationship with 16 outlets in the U.S., which can effect repairs for our clients," we were informed by the staff. "Pleasing our customers and keeping them coming back year after year is our greatest source of pride."

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Fears of a new generation of Nigerian Taliban fighters

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AFP) - She is a grandmother, but authorities tracking the remaining members of the Nigerian Taliban after crushing the sect's uprising a year ago may have reason for concern.

The 48-year-old whose son was among the sect members killed in the fighting said she will teach his six children left behind to follow in his footsteps.

"We may retreat but we will not surrender," she told AFP outside her house in Maiduguri, the northern city at the center of the uprising.

"There are a lot of children like them and we will drill in them how their fathers were cut down in their prime by Nigerian security forces," she said, clad in a black veil revealing only her face.

A year after authorities put down the Islamist sect's uprising in northern Nigeria and killed its leader, some observers say there is a danger that the children of sect members could grow up to replenish its ranks.

Abubakar Tsav, a respected former police commissioner for Lagos who now lives in the country's mainly



Photo shows the bodies of alleged self-styled Nigerian Taliban soldiers killed on July 29, 2009 during a crossfire with soldiers in the northern city of Maiduguri. Police searched for weapons and residents were on edge here today ahead of the one-year anniversary of a deadly uprising by the Nigerian Taliban, with fears it would strike again

Muslim north, said Boko Haram, as the sect is also known, may rise again for that reason.

"The government may seem to have clamped on Boko Haram, but the real menace may be years away as the sect is now engaged in indoctrinating the children of its members, particularly of those killed during last year's violence," Tsav told AFP.

Troops crushed the uprising after four days of fighting

that killed more than 800 people. Sect leader Mohammed Yusuf was shot on July 30 last year by police, who said he was trying to escape hours after his capture.

As the one-year anniversary approached, tension gripped Maiduguri following rumours the sect was planning to strike again, leading to the deployment of police reinforcements from neighbouring states and intelligence personnel.

There have been no incidents so far and apprehension among residents seems to have dissipated.

But some say a new generation of holy warriors may be developing.

"We have the fear that the real problem may not be now, but in years to come, when the children of Boko Haram militants come of age," said Shehu Sani of the Civil Rights Congress rights group based in the northern city of Kaduna.

Sani believes the insurgent group has not been completely stamped out, with many of its militant members having gone underground, "making the Boko Haram an unfinished business."

"One can imagine the type of human beings these chil-

dren will turn out to be, having been trained to only hate, fight and kill in the name of religion right from their formative years," Sani said.

He said that if the government failed to integrate Boko Haram children into society, they "will certainly pick up from where their parents had fallen and continue with the insurgency with more vigour, ferocity and dedication."

The government in Borno state, where Maiduguri is located, has outlawed the sect.

"Despite the risk, we are determined to continue with our struggle and our children are following our footsteps by teaching them to be mujahideen (Islamic fighters)," Yerima Faltaye, a 32-year old perfume vendor and sect member told AFP.

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Sharapova through, Peer out at Stanford WTA event

STANFORD, California (AFP) – Former world No. 1 Maria Sharapova reached the quarter-finals while Shahar Peer became the first seeded player to fall at the WTA Bank of the West Classic Thursday.

Fifth seeded Sharapova defeated Belarus' Olga Govortsova 6-3, 6-3 and the eighth-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat Melanie Oudin, of the US, 6-3, 6-1 in second round action while Maria Kirilenko sent sixth-seeded Peer crashing out of the hardcourt tournament 6-4, 6-3.

"It was a sloppy first game but the rest of it was fine," Sharapova said. "I took my chances when I could."

The 16th-ranked Peer lost for the fourth time in her last six matches after opening the year with an 18-5 record.

"This time I decided to be a lot more aggressive," Kirilenko said. "This year has been so much better and given me a lot of confidence."

The 27th-ranked Kirilenko is assured of her best finish at Stanford in three trips. She meets third seed Agnieszka Radwanska in the quarters.

"I played not too badly," Kirilenko said. "I can play better."

She's also had her career best results at the Australian Open, when she reached the quarter-finals, the French Open, when she made the



Sharapova

fourth round, and at Wimbledon, when she was eliminated in the third round.

Azarenka reached her sixth quarter-final of the year by winning her eighth in her last 10 matches. She busted into the top 10 last year.

"I think I played very well," Azarenka said. "It was a little tough at the beginning with a couple of service

breaks but I felt strong the whole match. For me it's important to play every point the same, no matter what the score is. Whether I am up or down 40-love, that is always a key for me."

She next plays defending champion Marion Bartoli who defeated former world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic 6-3, 6-4 in the night match Thursday.

Uruguay star Fernandez joins Sounders

SEATTLE, Washington (AFP) – Uruguay midfielder Alvaro Fernandez, who played in four World Cup matches for the semi-finalists, has joined the Seattle Sounders, the Major League Soccer club announced Thursday.

Fernandez started for Uruguay in their quarter-final victory over Ghana and entered as a substitute in wins against South Africa, South Korea and Mexico as the team finished fourth, their best showing since 1970.



"I'm very excited to be playing in the US because the

football has grown a lot in the last few years and keeps getting better," Fernandez said.

"My goals are always the same whenever I join a team: try to help, on and off the field, and obviously, win championships."

"I believe I can contribute through my experience. I'm a fast, smooth player who can play on either flank. I am strong in the air and I work very hard."

Fernandez, 24, spent the 2010 season on loan at Chile's Universidad de Chile from Uruguayan side Nacional and has also played for clubs in Mexico, Portugal and Uruguay.

"Alvaro is a versatile player who can play in a number of midfield positions," Sounders coach Sigi Schmid said.

"He brings good energy to the game as well as World Cup experience. He can score and also set up others."

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No West Ham offer, says Beckham



LONDON (AFP) – David Beckham has dismissed speculation linking him with a move to West Ham with his spokesman insisting that the former England skipper is happy with life at LA Galaxy.

Hammers co-owner David Gold was reported at the weekend to be keen on bringing the 35-year-old midfielder back to London.

"There has been no contact with or offer from West Ham," a Beckham spokesman told the BBC.

"David is happy at the Los Angeles Galaxy and has no interest in leaving, and is looking forward to returning to the team on August 9."

Beckham is still recovering from the ruptured

Achilles tendon that ruled him out of the World Cup and is hoping to be back in action by September.

On Sunday, Gold said he was tempted to hand Beckham a key role as the East London club seek to obtain residency at London's Olympic Stadium after the 2012 Games.

Gold believes the former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder would be the ideal ambassador to secure a deal to move the English Premier League club to the new ground.

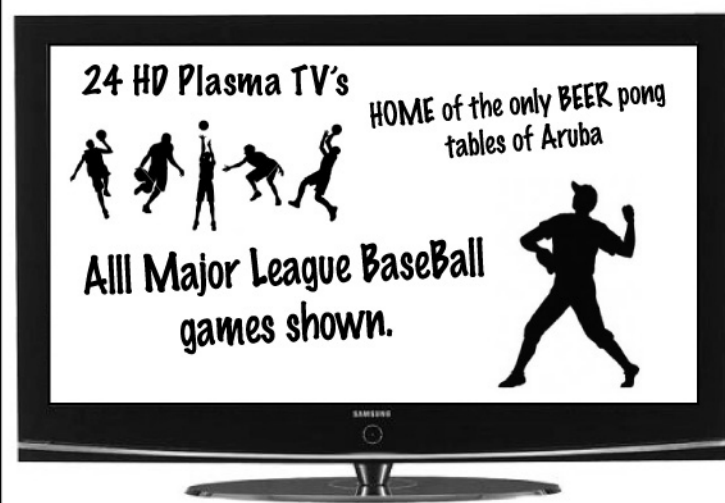
He was also thought to be mulling the possibility of handing the former England skipper a short-term playing role.

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Oswalt joins Phillies as baseball deadline looms



PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AFP) — Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt has agreed to waive a no-trade clause in his contract that resulted in his being traded to two-time defending National League champions Philadelphia.

The 32-year-old right-hander's deal could be the biggest swap ahead of today's Major League Baseball non-waiver trade deadline, giving the Phillies, 55-46, a boost as they try to climb from 3 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the NL East division.

Oswalt has 143 triumphs and a 3.24 earned-run average with 1,593 strikeouts since making his major league debut in 2001. He was 6-12 this season with a 3.24 earned-run average for the Astros.

The Phillies, who have won seven games in a row, sent pitcher J.A. Happ and

two minor-league players to the Astros in exchange for the three-time All-Star.

Oswalt joins a Phillies pitching rotation that already includes Roy Halladay and ranks seventh in the National League with a 3.99 earned-run average.

The Astros have fielded offers for more than two months since Oswalt said he wanted to be traded to a title contender.

Oswalt is set to be paid five million dollars for the remainder of the 2010 campaign, 16 million dollars for next year in the final season of his contract and there is a club option to keep him in 2012 for another 16 million dollars.

In another premier deal Thursday, the NL West-leading San Diego Padres acquired infielder Miguel Tejada from Baltimore for a Double-A pitcher.

At 36, the former AL MVP was hitting .269 with seven homers and 39 RBIs for the last-place Orioles, who earlier in the day hired Buck Showalter as their new manager.

Sorenstam tips send Tseng top at British Open

SOUTHPORT (AFP) — Yani Tseng put Annika Sorenstam's advice to good use here on Friday to secure a four-shot halfway lead at the Women's British Open at Royal Birkdale.

With a repeat of her opening round 68, the Taiwanese 21-year-old surged to the top of the leaderboard on eight under par.

South Korea's Yang Amy and Brittany Lincicome, who

LONDON (AFP) — Arsene Wenger has told unsettled captain Cesc Fabregas to forget about a dream move to Barcelona and focus on helping Arsenal win the Premier League.

Wenger is determined to keep Fabregas even though the Spain midfielder has made it clear he would love to return to the club he left to join Arsenal as a teenager.

Barca have gone public with their interest in Fabregas and are willing to pay around 30 million pounds (36 million euros) to sign the 23-year-old, leaving Wenger with the possibility of having an unhappy player on his hands if the transfer doesn't happen.

Fabregas is not scheduled to return to England until after this weekend's Emirates Cup as he was given extra time off following the World Cup final, but Wenger is confident he will still be with Arsenal when the transfer window closes at the end of August.

And he believes the prospect of leading Arsenal to a first league title since 2004 will inspire Fabregas to

forget Barca and play at his best in the coming campaign.

"I always said Cesc Fabregas will be our captain next year and that we want to keep him. Despite all the speculation last season and the whole summer, nothing has changed," Wenger said on Friday.

"Look at the length of his contract and you will see he has five or six years to go.

"When you sign a contract it means we are committed to a player to pay him and keep him no matter what happens.

"It is important we focus on the targets we have together. There is a great attitude and spirit inside the squad and Cesc Fabregas can help us achieve these targets.

"He is now at an age, 23 years old, and he has just won the World Cup. I believe he will grow in authority again for next season.

"The biggest achievement for him now is to help us win the championship."

Barcelona sporting vice-president Josep Maria Bartomeu said on Friday that the Spanish champions "respect" Arsenal's wish not to sell Fabregas.

Barcelona defender Carles Puyol, an international teammate of Fabregas, claimed this week that Arsenal are trying to keep hold of the player against his will.

But Wenger has made it clear to the Spanish champions that there is no chance he will change his mind about selling his prize asset.

"We do not negotiate. If I want to buy your house and you do not want to sell, you do not negotiate with me, that is completely normal," Wenger added.

both shot 71, and Cristie Kerr, who filed a best-of-championship 67, shared second place on four under.

World No.1 Shin Jiyai, who had to play in an afternoon downpour, stayed in touch on two under after a second successive 71, while 50-year-old Juli Inkster, another who had to battle through the rain, was even better placed on three under thanks to a 70.

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White Sox get Jackson amid speculation

Acquired from D-backs, righty may be headed to Nationals

CHICAGO -- Edwin Jackson became a member of the White Sox on Friday, traded to Chicago from Arizona in exchange for right-handed pitcher Daniel Hudson and Minor League hurler David Holmberg.

But Jackson might not want to pick out a permanent residence in the Windy City quite yet.

With the Nationals interested in the right-hander and the White Sox interested in first baseman Adam Dunn, who would serve primarily as a designated hitter for the South Siders, general manager Ken Williams could flip Jackson to Washington in exchange for the left-handed slugger. In a text to MLB.com Friday afternoon, Dunn said he was still a member of the Nationals and had not heard anything to the contrary.



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Brazilian goalkeeper charged with murdering ex

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Bruno Souza, the Brazilian goalkeeper suspected of having his ex-girlfriend killed, was on Friday formally charged with her kidnap and murder, officials said.

The footballer, who played for Rio de Janeiro's Flamengo team, was also charged with sequestration (hiding a body), forming a criminal gang and corrupting minors, according to reports in leading national news websites.

Even though the body of the alleged victim, 25-year-old Eliza Samudio, has not been found, police wrapping up their probe on Thursday determined that Souza masterminded her death.

Seven other people, including an ex-policeman suspected of carrying out the premeditated murder on

Souza's orders, have also been charged. Souza's wife was among them.

Samudio disappeared last month after being taken to Souza's second residence near the southern city of Belo Horizonte.

The woman, who had a four-month-old baby she claimed was fathered by Souza, was believed to have been demanding child support. The baby was found to be in the care of Souza's wife.

Souza was suspended from Flamengo -- Brazil's most popular club, which he once captained -- when the allegations against him first surfaced.

Photos of the goalkeeper published on Friday showed him with a shaved head. Reports said he had burned his hair to hinder a DNA examination.

U19s restore faith with comeback triumph

PARIS (AFP) - A dramatic late goal from substitute Alexandre Lacazette earned hosts France a 2-1 victory over Spain in the final of the Under-19 European Championship in Caen, northern

France on Friday.

The 19-year-old Lyon forward headed home bravely from close range in the 85th minute to complete a stirring comeback that restored some gloss to French football after the embarrassment of the senior side's World Cup fiasco.

"It's magic, it's magnificent!" said France striker Cedric Bakambu, who finished the tournament with three goals.

"For the second half, we told ourselves that we had nothing more to lose. We're at home, we'll give everything. Most of all, the fans were with us, and it was fantastic."

Spain had played superb football throughout the tournament and dominated the first half, taking an 18th-minute lead when Rodrigo ran onto Daniel Pacheco's fine through-ball and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom-right corner.

Francis Smerecki's France team barely mustered a shot at goal in the first period but after weathering early pressure in the second half, they

conjured an unexpected equaliser.

Arsenal starlet Gilles Sunu headed a high ball into the path of Yannis Tafer and then raced through to receive Tafer's return pass before lobbing the ball over Spanish goalkeeper Alex.

In the image of the senior team that secured their first ever World Cup title in South Africa earlier in the month, Spain monopolised possession for long periods but found themselves repeatedly exposed on the break.

Tafer could have given France victory with 10 minutes remaining when he broke free but saw his powerful left-foot shot pushed away by Alex.

The winning goal arrived just five minutes later though.

Chelsea forward Gael Kakuta, a contender for player of the tournament, sparked panic in the Spanish defence with a direct, mazy run and when his effort was parried by Alex, he centred smartly for Lacazette to score.

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